

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 11,259,393 to TAKUSHI et al. In view of the amendments to the claims, applicant respectfully traverses.

Each of the independent claims now defines the personal information to include the name of the requested information service, the personal information being transmitted to the game machine. Claims 2 and 5 also require display of the name of the requested information service, as shown, for example, by element 1011 of Figure 6. In addition, the independent claims now require the information providing server to offer multiple information services. TAKUSHI et al. do not teach or suggest the claimed features. Thus, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1 - 5.

The amendments to the claims are supported, *inter alia*, by page 10 of the specification and element 1011 in Figure 6. Thus, the amendments do not add any prohibited new matter.

Dependent claims 3 and 4 are also believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the invention and therefore are also believed allowable over the prior art. As such, allowance of the dependent claims is deemed proper for at least the same reasons noted for the independent claims, in addition to reasons related to their own recitations.

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Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all of the claims in the present application.

The above amendments have been presented merely for the purpose of clarification, and not to overcome the applied prior art. Accordingly, no estoppel is deemed to result from any of the present amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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